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SUBJECT: UN RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE RESUMED: SPECIFIC
GUIDANCE FOR SECTION II. ECOSOC

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1. WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF OVERALL GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN
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REFTEL, SPECIFIC GUIDANCE FOLLOWS FOR SECTION II OF THE
DRAFT CONSOLIDATED TEXT CONCERNING ECOSOC. EXCEPT AS
NOTED BELOW, THE TEXT IS ACCEPTABLE.

2. PARA. II. 3: WE ACCEPT THE IDEA THAT, AS A FIRST STEP
TOWARD MORE FREQUENT SUBJECT-ORIENTED SESSIONS, THE ECOSOC
SHOULD HOLD A SUBJECT-ORIENTED SESSION IN PLACE OF THE

PLANNED SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL RESOURCES TO DEAL WITH FOLLOW-UP TO THE UN WATER CONFERENCE PROVIDED THERE WOULD BE NO DISCONTINUITY OF SECRETARIAT STAFF SUPPORT FOR FOLLOW-UP TO THE UN WATER CONFERENCE. USDEL WILL HAVE TO RESERVE ON USE OF WORD "GUIDELINES" IN THE SECOND SENTENCE OF THIS PARAGRAPH PENDING RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE WITHIN THE USG.

3. PARA. II. 6: IN INSTITUTING THIS REFORM, THERE SHOULD BE ASSURANCE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DIMINUTION IN THE FOCUS NOW GIVEN BY THE EXISTING SUBSIDIARY BODIES TO SPECIALIZED SUBJECTS AND THAT THERE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE BALANCED ATTENTION TO ECONOMIC AND TO SOCIAL ASPECTS OF ECOSOC'S WORK.

4. PARA. II. 7(B): USDEL SHOULD NOT ACCEPT DISCONTINUANCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT IT MUST MEET REGULARLY TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS THAT ACCUMULATE EVERY YEAR AND THAT ITS PRESENT SMALL SIZE ENABLES THE COMMITTEE TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY. IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISRUPTION OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT, THE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO COMPLETE ITS FUNCTIONING AS A PREPARATORY BODY FOR THE CONFERENCE.

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5. PARA. II.7(C): THE STUDY THAT APPEARS TO BE CALLED FOR BY THIS SUBPARAGRAPH SHOULD NOT BE PREJUDGED BY SPECIFYING THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AS A FUNCTIONAL COMMISSION THAT WOULD HAVE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS WORK ASSUMED BY ECOSOC.

6. PARA. II. 9(A): WHILE THE WORDING IS QUALIFIED ENOUGH TO BE ACCEPTABLE, USDEL SHOULD GIVE NO INDICATION THAT WE WOULD GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO A FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF ECOSOC. ALSO, USDEL SHOULD INDICATE NO SUPPORT FOR ANY CHANGE IN THE RATIOS CURRENTLY APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION ON UN INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES IN THE ECOSOC FIELDS ASSUGGESTED IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.

7. PARA. II. 11: USDEL SHOULD JOIN ANY MOVE TO DROP THE WHOLE PARAGRAPH SINCE WE DOUBT IT WOULD BRING ANY CONCRETE RESULTS. IF PARAGRAPH MUST REMAIN, USDEL SHOULD SEEK TO REPLACE THE WORDS "PROVISIONS OF THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER" BY "AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER."

8. FOOTNOTE 2: USDEL SHOULD NOT SOLICIT SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL CONCERNING CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURES WHICH MAY RAISE PROBLEMS REGARDING THE QUESTION OF AN OVERVIEW MECHANISM. IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT THE PROPOSAL IS SUPPORTED BY OTHERS, USDEL SHOULD SEEK FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT. VANCE

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